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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2002, in the subject application. It is requested that the following amendments be entered: entered.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the original slate containing claims 1-35 and substitute new claims 36-49.

36(New). A container handling system comprising:

- (a) an extensible boom mounted so as to provide dumping access to a desired point of discharge for unloading a container of interest;
- (b) a pivotally mounted mechanized arm arrangement carried by said extensible boom and having a free end, said arm arrangement having at least one arm, said at least one arm being mounted to pivot in a vertical plane wherein the pivoting of said at least one arm determines container-engaging, container-releasing, lift and dump positions and wherein said at least one arm is curved to reduce lateral and height clearance required to operate of said mechanized arm arrangement;
- (c) a container grabber device for grabbing and releasing containers of interest carried by the free end of said arm arrangement;